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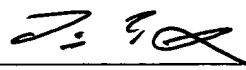
Claims 1-6 are pending in the application; claims 4-5 are withdrawn from consideration. In the Office Action dated October 18 2005, The Examiner rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Runde in view of Fujita, objected to claim 3 as containing allowable subject matter but depending from a rejected base claim, and objected to claim 6 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 3.

In this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 3. Claims 3 and 6 have been canceled.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060945-0108)

Respectfully submitted,

  
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